



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 483

February Session, 2018



AN ACT CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING OPIOID INTERVENTION COURTS IN THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Chief Court Administrator
2 or his or her designee, in consultation with the Chief Public Defender,
3 Chief State's Attorney and the dean of The University of Connecticut
4 School of Law, or their respective designees, shall study the feasibility
5 of establishing one or more courts that specialize in the hearing of
6 criminal or juvenile matters in which a defendant is an opioid-
7 dependent person, who could benefit from intensive court monitoring
8 and placement in a substance abuse treatment program.

9 (b) The study shall include an examination of: (1) The testing of
10 certain arrestees for opioid use and the timing of such testing, (2)
11 innovative and different treatment placement options for opioid-
12 dependent arrestees, (3) the development of a rapid integration team
13 of individuals who focus on meeting the treatment needs of opioid-
14 dependent arrestees, (4) the development of judicial processes that
15 include daily court monitoring of opioid-dependent arrestees, and (5)
16 the use of curfews and electronic-monitoring tools as a means of
17 facilitating success completion of a substance abuse treatment
18 program.

19 (c) The Chief Court Administrator, or his or her designee, shall
20 report on the results of such study to the joint standing committee of
21 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
22 judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
23 general statutes, not later than January 1, 2019.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(c), the phrase "to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary" was added for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*